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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application Of:)
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MOSKOWITZ, Scott, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2767
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Application Number: 08/999,766) Examiner: MEISLAHN, D.
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Filed: July 23, 1997)
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For: Steganographic Method and)
Device)
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action, which issued in the above identified application on February 25, 2000. It is believed that no fees are required to ensure entry and consideration of this response. However, if any fees are required with the filing of this response, Applicants respectfully request that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25, 29, and 43 as follow:

25. (Twice amended) A method for steganographically protecting a digital signal comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a carrier signal; and
- b) using a random or pseudo-random key to steganographically encode independent information including a digital watermark into the carrier signal.